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Good Night Stories

By Blanche Selver

Betty Visits a New Kind of Market.
"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Betty when her mamma called her in from her play to go to the market. "I hate that old dusty road!"
"I always thought you enjoyed marketing," laughed Betty when Gocomeback, the travel elfin, hopped off the gatepost beside Betty. "I thought you liked to buy things."
"I do like to buy," replied Betty, shaking hands with the little elfin, "but I don't like the long, dusty road we have to travel to get to our market."
"I guess you'd like the market I visited the other day," laughed Gocomeback.
"Did you have to walk your legs off to get there?" asked Betty. "It seems so terribly long down the road and the sun's too hot to cut across the hills."
"No, the market I speak of is very different," began Gocomeback, then turning suddenly he caught Betty's hand, and before Betty could ask any questions she found herself sailing through the air beside the elfin.



How Do You Like It?"

When they at last slowed in their mad flight, Betty found herself hovering over a floating city.
Betty had never seen such a beautiful sight in all her life. The sun had disappeared, and one by one the colored lights began to twinkle among the houseboats that floated on the waters under them, until the whole place looked like a view of Fairyland.
"This is Bangkok, the capital of Siam," said Gocomeback. "There's the market I was speaking about," and he pointed to the floating city of twinkling lights.
"Bangkok is called the Venice of the East. Huge bamboo rafts are constructed and lashed together with enormous chains, and houses, shops and even the gardens are built on these rafts."
They sailed closer, and Betty could get a lovely view of the houses and shops.
"I can see there are no dusty roads for these people!" laughed Betty.
Thousands of tiny canoes bobbed on the water, carrying shoppers from one market stand to another. Betty and Gocomeback settled on one canoe and when the young girl who was paddling the canoe was told why Betty was there, she took Betty in and out the waterways, visiting the different shops until Betty's head fairly buzzed with the bewildering things she saw.
Almost everything imaginable could be purchased from these little floating shops, from rice, fish, fruit and flowers down to curios.
A Chinese gave them a bowl of hot soup, which was bubbling in a

hissing kettle, while at another place they were treated to freshly-baked bread.
"Well, how do you like it?" asked the girl guiding the canoe. "Shopping by boat this way, I mean?"
Betty laughed and shook her head. "It's fine, I guess, unless you bump into another boat and tip over. I can't say that I feel as safe shopping on the water as I do on land."
The Siamese girl laughed merrily, and invited Betty to visit them again some time. Bidding her good-by, Gocomeback and Betty sailed back home.
Betty thanked Gocomeback for her trip and ran in after her market basket, and went singing down the road. She must prefer the dusty road to the waterway of Siam.

SPEAK AT FARMERS' PICNIC

Provincial Cabinet Ministers Talk to Prince Edward Farmers.
Wellington, Aug. 12.—The farmers of Prince Edward county had a great day yesterday at the Sand Banks, it being their annual picnic. In spite of the showers that fell in the morning, a great crowd, mostly traveling by motor cars, gathered to hear the political speeches, and for recreation. All the speakers billed were in attendance, and it was possible for the chairman, R. W. Ireland, to begin on time.
A. P. Macvannell, Agricultural Representative for the county, was first on the programme. He said this was a good opportunity for the farmers to get together to discuss topics in which they were all interested, as well as a time for recreation. In reference to the fall in prices for farmers' produce, he said men in other industries have not seen fit to take their losses as have the farmers. The department of Agriculture can find the purpose for which it was formed.
Hon. Nelson Parliament, the next speaker, said he was here to show his appreciation of the Hon. Peter Smith and Hon. Manning Doherty, both real servants of the public of the province of Ontario. The prime minister had shown wisdom in his choice of such men, as they are capable and honest and try to serve the public, irrespective of party, from the standpoint of national benefit. The Rural Credits Act was now passed, the best thing possible for Ontario. He had advocated it for four sessions in parliament. As to the use of it, farmers can now get long term loans, Prince Edward county is behind in the matter of drainage. Loans could be procured for this. Hon. Nelson Parliament concluded his short speech by quoting "equal rights to all, special privileges to none." The chairman said that the farmers of Prince Edward county are proud of their representative in the legislature.
Hon. Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer, who was the next speaker, said this was his first visit to Prince Edward county. He was a native of Perth, but in Toronto we are proud of your representative, Nelson Parliament." He addressed himself to criticisms that were being made about the amount of money now spent in the province, but when the facts are known they could justify themselves in the government. Owing to trade conditions, it was impossible to have a surplus. He could defend his method of book-keeping. We don't think we are extravagant, everything was at its height when we began. There had been increased expenditure in the maintenance of institutions. Unfortunately there has been a wave of crime, and of insanity, pass over the land, and it has cost money to cope with. It is only human that we should take proper care of the insane, and of the law breaker. Then there were some election expenses which had not been paid, but we have repealed the old Election Act which will reduce the cost to about one-quarter of what it was. The teachers' and inspectors' superannuation fund, and its proper working is now added to the government expenditure. Until last year the province had not contributed to this. Another big item was the rate of exchange existing between us and the United States. This was an international affair over which we had no control. You cannot blame this on anyone. These, said the Hon. Peter Smith, were things that contributed to our large expenditure and deficit. He then spoke of the floating of loans, and the Hydro Electric Power, and the great expense involved in the Chippawa Canal. We never sold a loan in the province but what was advertised, no criticism can be made against the government for the method of raising the loans. He had the co-operation of all the stock brokers in the province. The speaker gave a comparative statement of all the loans floated throughout the Dominion, and said we beat them all, Dominion or Provincial—Municipal and Governmental. Another question which is of interest to all is Good Roads. We are going to build the roads, and capitalize the motor vehicle license for the revenue. Provincial roads will be paid for by motor vehicle licenses so that the man out in the country will not have to pay one cent either for the building or maintaining the roads.

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Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, was the closing speaker at this great assembly of farmers. He said it was twenty-two years since he had the privilege of speaking here on a similar occasion, and great changes had taken place since then. Thanks were due to those who had started the re-afforestation plan in the Sand Banks. It was a privilege and opportunity to meet the farmers throughout the province, to consult them, and to discuss with them, on all problems that confront them. He did not shut himself up in his department, his office door was ever open to any who wanted such help as his department could give, as his department did not belong to him, but to the people.
These are critical times and critical conditions prevail right now. During the war there was inflation of prices in all commodities and after the war we all looked for deflation of prices, but we never expected such a drop in the price of farm produce. There was a drop of about fifty per cent, in stock, the same in dairy produce, and in cereals. But the farmer had taken their losses with little grumbling. I say to the other industries: "Take a leaf out of the farmers' book, and let us get back to normal." We are suffering now through a period of unemployment, especially in large cities. There exists a buyers' strike. We all say prices will drop, and we put off our buying, you borrow one another's machinery, etc. The captains of industry have tried to uphold the prices against the laws of commerce, and if people will not buy the goods, it creates unemployment with its consequent distress. He would say "Take your loss, and take it now." This is a period of readjustment.
We need to discuss these questions in a broad national spirit. In reference to the criticism that the government was spending too much money, he said when we took up office we found some lusty babies on the door step that had to be nourished; such as the Chippawa Canal, which, when complete, will be a great benefit to the province. In reference to the criticism that this government made appointments by patronage, the speaker said they looked out the very best men to do the work required, irrespective of party.
In conclusion, Hon. Manning Doherty spoke of the great benefit the Rural Credits Act would be to sons of Canadian farmers, who would otherwise go into the cities as there was only room for one on the father's farm. Our banking system is good, but it was never meant to meet the needs of these young men, without capital, and the very best men for our agriculture, but the system of long term loans, loans for twenty or twenty-five years, will give many young Canadians a chance of success.
The short term loans will help others to carry over a critical period.
The weather conditions were good during the afternoon, but there was a great downpour of rain about 6 p.m., which made the crowd disperse, and, no doubt, most who attended the farmers' picnic would be home in time for the evening chores and supper.

LEADING DELTA MAN PASSES TO REWARD
Had Been Postmaster and Division Court Clerk—Also Secretary of Fair.
Wednesday afternoon the death occurred at his residence in Delta of L. N. Phelps, one of the leading residents of that part of Leeds county. He died after an illness of two months.
The late Leonard N. Phelps was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Phelps, pioneer of the township of Baetard, and was born at Phillipsville seventy-three years ago. He received a splendid education and early in life took a prominent part in the affairs of the community. For several years he was postmaster and clerk of the division court at Delta, and secretary of the Delta fair. He was a man of splendid ability and had the respect and esteem of all having the pleasure of his acquaintance.
Deceased was twice married and is survived by his wife and a grown-up family. They are: Mrs. Ida Whitmore, Phillipsville; Mrs. Hill Howard, Delta; Mrs. (Dr.) Davison, Mrs. R. Shaver, Mrs. Rooney, all in the Canadian west; Edgar Phelps, Tacoma, Wash., and Warner W. Phelps, Delta. He also leaves one brother, W. B. Phelps, Phillipsville. He was a Methodist in religion and a member of church at Delta. He was a member of Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Delta.

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